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SUBJECT: ADVANCED AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT MINI-SHOW

REF: BELL/BLOW TELEX JANUARY 29, 76 MOSCOW 945, 76 USDOC 915

1. ON BASIS INFORMATION BELL/BLOW TELEX OF JANUARY 29, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE MET WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAND RECLAMATION AND WATER RESOURCES KH. T. PETERSON FEBRUARY 3 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING MINI-SHOW ON "EQUIPMENT FOR LAND RECLAMATION, IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE" IN COMMERCIAL OFFICE MAY 10-14.

2. PETERSON'S REACTION TO PROPOSAL WAS QUITE POSITIVE AND HE PROMISED TO PROVIDE DEFINITE ANSWER ON ACCEPTABILITY OF THEME AND TIMING WITHIN ONE WEEK. ASSUMING THAT RESPONSE IS FAVORABLE, PETERSON SAID THAT HE WOULD ALSO PROVIDE SUGGESTED LIST OF PARTICIPANTS, SEMINAR TOPICS, AND SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST.

3. COMMERCIAL OFFICE SUGGESTS THAT USDOC/BEWT BEGIN PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS WITH POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF INTEREST IN EVENT AS INDICATED PARAS 5 AND 6 OF MOSCOW 945. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT COMPANIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN SEPTEMBER VISIT OF SOVIET DELEGATION BE CONTACTED REGARDING THIS EVENT. IN ADDITION, PETERSON EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN COMPANIES PRODUCING PLASTIC MATERIALS

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USED TO LINE CANALS(DUPONT WAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED) AND

IN COMPANIES WITH EXPERTISE IN AUTOMATION OF IRRIGATION
SYSTEMS (PETERSON NAMED TRW AND ROCKWELL
INTERNATIONAL IN THIS REGARD).

4. IN VIEW SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM (01.12)
IN THIS AREA, COMMERCIAL OFFICE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE VERY
USEFUL TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVE OF BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
IN SEMINAR/EXHIBIT TEAM, PERHAPS IN ROLE OF CHAIRMAN AS WAS
DONE WITH BUREAU OF MINES REPRESENTATIVE FOR DECEMBER '75
COPPER SEMINAR/EXHIBIT AND WAS TO HAVE BEEN DONE WITH EPA
REP IN CASE OF CURRENT AIR POLLUTION CONTROL EVENT.
SUGGEST USDOC/BEWT CONTACT MR. EDWIN F. SULLIVAN (TELEPHONE 343-4115
OR MR. KENT E. BEBB OF BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TO DISCUSS THIS POSS-
IBILITY.

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